1989	409
1990	524
1991	655

(c) The Delhi Police have reported that in some cases culprists are not traceable. Most of the unsolved cases are difficult cases and were referred to the Crime-Branch after lapse of some time.

Kerala Committee report on natural gas pricing

5817. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the Kelkar Committee Report on Natural Gas pricing:

(b) whether the Government have approved the Report;

(c) whether the gas based projects will be affected after the implementation of the Report;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND (a)(i) Price at landfall point: Rs. 1600/1000 M3 plus increase by Rs. 200/1000M3 every year for 3 years.

(ii) Additional price on HBJ Pipeline: Rs. 850/1000M3.

(iii) Price in North Eastern States: Rs. 1000/1000M3 with a discount of Rs. 400/ 1000M3 on case to case basis.

(b) The Kelkar Committee's recommendations have formed the basis, with suitable modifications, for the revise dprices of natural gas that have been made effective from 1.1.1992.

(c) to (e). Since the prices of gas have been revised for the first time since 1987, gas based industries are not likely to be adversely affected.

Top-Soil Degradation

5818. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the top-soil degradation in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes proposed to be implemented to check the top-soil degradation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b). The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Agricultural Universities, State Agricultural Research Stations, etc. are undertaking studies on top soil erosion and land degradation in the country.

(c) Substantial problem area affected by soil erosion and land degradation are being tackled under the State Sector soil and water conservation programmes; however, the efforts are also supplemented by Central Schemes. Some of the important schemes include:

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i) Social & Water Conservation Schemes.

ii) Afforestation in degraded forest lands.